

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claims 6-15 are withdrawn.

Claims 1-4 are rejected.

Claim 5 is objected to but would be allowed if made independent.

Claim 1 is amended.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Applicants confirm the election of Group I, claims 1-5 made on October 30, 2006.

Claim Scope and Interpretation

The Examiner states that **single compounds** can anticipate or make the mixtures obvious where disclosed substituents can read on the substituents of all the compounds in the claimed mixtures.

The intention by the Applicants is to disclose mixtures containing three different components, i.e. the substituents A* and B* must be different from each other. The term mixture would infer that this is the case. Furthermore, this fact is demonstrated by way of the Examples, in which all of the mixtures comprise compounds in which the substituents A* and B* differ from one another.

To clarify, the meaning of claim 1, the Applicants have amended to include the phrase "whereby the groups A* and B* are not identical, in order to overcome the Examiner's rejections.

Support for the amendment may be found in the examples and the common meaning of the term mixture which implies that the components indeed must be different.

No new matter has been added.

35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by FR 1,479,540.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,945,396.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0413,926. He refers to the structure at the top of page 4.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 3,951,965.

All of the compounds listed by the Examiner in his rejections are symmetrical. As the Applicants have amended claim 1 to require that A* and B* are **not identical**, there is now no overlap between the cited reference and the present claims. Thus the Applicants aver that the 102(b) rejections are overcome.

Claim 5

Claim 5 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner. Thus the claim is allowable.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5 is respectfully solicited in light of the remarks and amendments *supra*.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claims 1-5 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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